

KIDS AREN'T DROWN PROOF

NO UNSUPERVISED CHILDREN IN A POOL

**ENCINITAS FIREFIGHTER'S WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WATER CAN BE A SERIOUS
THREAT TO YOUR CHILD'S LIFE.**

6 – 12 MONTHS

- He/she can drown in even a few inches of water.
- Never leave him/her alone in a bathtub/spa/swimming pool or wading pool.
- Swimming lessons DO NOT make children of this age safe in the water.
- Do not leave buckets, pails or bathtubs filled with water, empty them after use.
- Your child is becoming more mobile, be aware of other hazards such as fishponds, fountains and toilets.
- Learn CPR.

1 - 2 YEARS

- At this age your child will walk, run, climb, jump and explore everything in and around your home. However, young children are unable to understand the concept of danger and therefore cannot be taught to avoid water.
- Each year in California, more than 100 children 4 years and under will die because of drowning.
- Learn CPR.

2 – 4 YEARS

- At this age your child will learn fast and be able to explore everything in and around your home. However, your child still cannot understand the concept of danger and therefore cannot be taught to avoid water.
- Swimming lessons DO NOT make your child safe, in fact the Academy of Pediatrics does not recommend swimming lessons for children under five years of age.
- Children at this age usually drown in a back yard pool or spa, after wandering out of the house unnoticed.
- Learn CPR.

WHY ARE TODDLERS AT RISK FOR DROWNING

- Intensely CURIOUS and impulsive behavior.
- Able to get out of the house QUICKLY.
- Unable to understand the concept of DANGER.
- Parents often UNDERESTIMATE their skill level.